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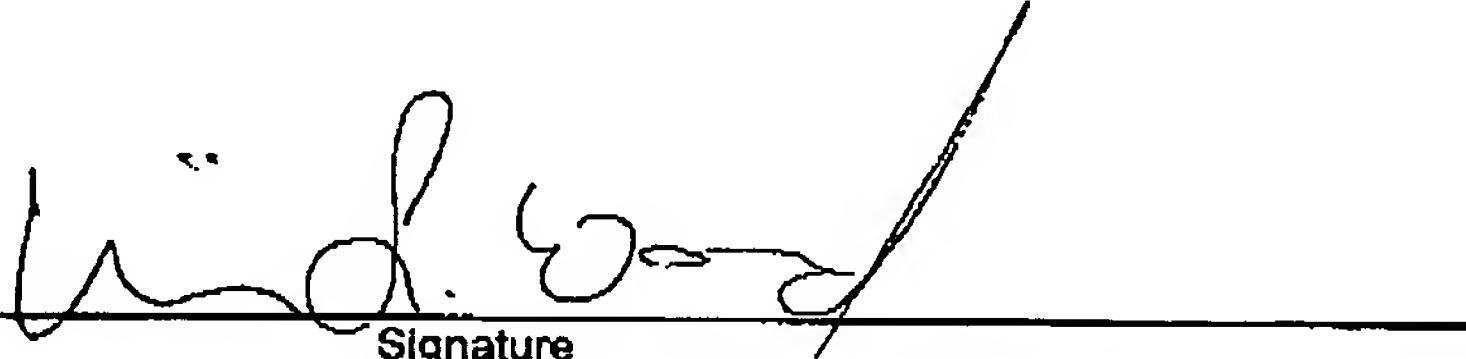
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50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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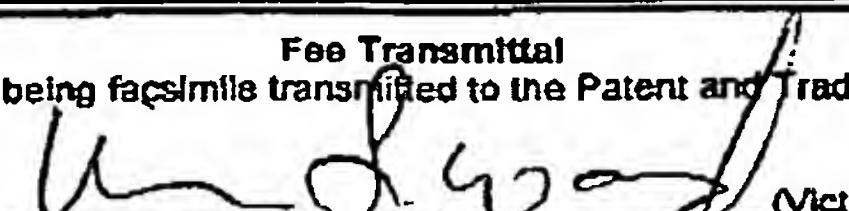
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For: ORIFICE SEALING PHYSICAL BARRIER

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

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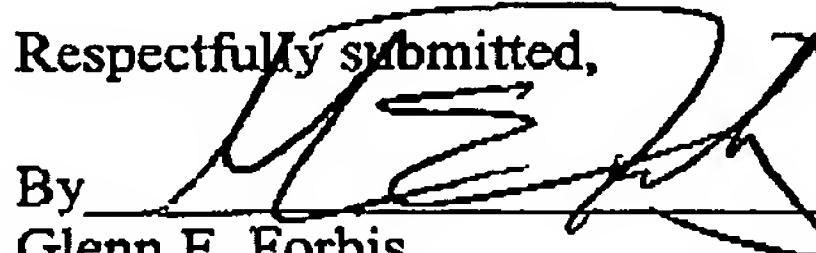
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